

except for in 1995 where it appears commercial fishermen received higher prices from dealers for their harvest. The decline in the average fishing income is correlated to a decline in landings most likely due to the three sequential hurricanes that impacted North Carolina during that year. Also, the number of commercial fishermen reporting landings declined in 1999 most likely due to the hurricanes interrupting normal commercial fishing activities and damaging both commercial fishing gear and personnel property. The average fishing income increased in 2000 with a corresponding increase in landings. The same trend continues into 2001, however the average fishing income declined due to a decline in harvest.

Currituck

Landings in Currituck County increased from 1994-1995 and then declined from 1995-1997 (Table 55). Landings then increased again from 1997-1999 but ended the period exhibiting a declining trend from 1999-2001 (Table 55). The total landings ranged from a low of 1,953,000 pounds in 2001 to a high of 2,564,000 pounds in 1995 (Table 55). The current and deflated values increased from 1994-1995 and then declined from 1995- 997 (Table 55). The current and deflated values then fluctuated from 1997-1999 (Table 55). The current value then increased from 1999-2001 while the deflated value increased in 2000 but then declined in 2001 (Table 55). The current value ranged from a low of \$1,013,000 in 1994 to a high of \$1,937,000 in 2001 (Table 55). The deflated value ranged from \$286,000 in 1994 to \$506,000 in 1995 (Table 55).

Shellfish dominated the landings composition in Currituck County (Table 14). Shellfish landings increased from 1994-1995 and then declined from 1995-1997 (Table A18). Shellfish landings increased from 1997-1999 and then declined again from 1999-2001 (Table A18). Shellfish landings ranged from a minimum of 1,736,000 pounds in 1997 to a maximum of 2,352,000 pounds in 1995 (Table A18). The current and deflated values increased from 1994-1995 and then declined from 1995-1997 (Table A19). The current and deflated values then fluctuated the next two years and exhibited an increasing trend from 1999-2001 (Table A19). The current value ranged from \$882,000 in 1994 to